

**Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of)	
)	
Inquiry Regarding Carrier Current Systems)	ET Docket No. 03-104
Including Broadband over Power Line)	
Systems)	

To: The Commission

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to Section 1.46 of the Commission's rules, Southern LINC, Southern Telecom, and Southern Company Services, Inc. (Southern), hereby request an extension of time within which to file reply comments in the above captioned proceeding. Southern seeks an additional 30 days for reply comments.

A significant number of comments that were filed in the proceeding have not been timely available through the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS). Some comments were available immediately after they were filed and are no longer available,¹ others were not available until very recently,² and still others were simply filed late.³ The filing of responsive replies in a timely fashion is not possible under such circumstances. For this reason the Commission should grant a modest 30-day extension of the reply comment period. This delay will not prejudice interests in this proceeding and will promote the public interest by affording a full record upon which to base its actions.

¹ Comments of Enikia, LLC (filed July 7, 2003).

² Comments of Florida Power & Light (filed July 3, 2003). Appeared on the ECFS July 18, 2003.

³ Comments of Satius, Inc., filed July 14, 2003.

Southern understands that extensions of time are not routinely granted. An extension would be appropriate, however, in this case in order to afford adequate time within with to assess and respond to all points raised.

In accordance with Section 1.46(b) of the Commission's rules, this request is made more than 7 days prior to the deadline for reply comments, which are due August 6, 2003. Southern urges the Commission to grant this request so that a full record can be developed in fairness to all the parties that filed comments and that intend to reply.

Respectfully submitted,

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